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# **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

# **Listing of Claims:**

## 1-10. (Canceled)

- 11. (Previously Amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide molecule, wherein the polypeptide molecule comprises residues 164 to 382 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 12. (Previously Amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding a polypeptide molecule, wherein the polypeptide molecule comprises residues 383 to 464 of SEQ ID NO:2.

## 13-17. (Canceled)

- 18. (Previously Amended) The isolated polynucleotide molecule according to claim 12, wherein the polypeptide molecule comprises residues 383 to 696 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 19. (Previously Amended) The isolated polynucleotide molecule according to claim 18, wherein the polypeptide molecule comprises residues 1 to 696 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 20. (Currently Amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:
  - a) a transcription promoter;
- b) a DNA segment comprising the <u>a</u> polynucleotide according to claim 12; and
  - c) a transcription terminator.
- 21. (Previously Amended) The expression vector of claim 20 wherein the DNA segment further encodes an affinity tag.

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22. (Previously Amended) A cultured cell into which has been introduced the expression vector according to claim 20, wherein said cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by the DNA segment.

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23. (Previously Amended) A method of producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the cell according to claim 22, whereby said cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by the DNA segment; and recovering the polypeptide.

#### 24-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is residues 164 to 464 of SEQ ID NO:2.

#### 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) The An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide according to claim 37, wherein the amino acid sequence has at least 90% identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from residue of the polypeptide is residues 164 to 696 of SEQ ID NO:2.

#### 39. (Canceled)

- 40. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide, the amino acid sequence of which has at least 90% identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from residue 1 to residue 696 wherein the polypeptide binds an integrin.
- 41. (Currently amended) A polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) the polynucleotide as shown in SEQ ID NO:1; and
  - b) a-the polynucleotide that is complementary to a).